

Response To Office Action

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22 (6) an interior channel is defined by the third arm, the
23 fourth arm and the base therebetween,
24 (7) an inner channel is defined by the fourth arm and
25 the second arm,
26 whereby the channels receive and removably secure at least one of
27 the demountable wall partition and the demountable ceiling panel between
28 the channels such that the universal stud can be oriented to accept a
29 demountable wall partition, or, can be oriented to receive at least one of the
30 demountable wall partition and the demountable ceiling panel.

R E M A R K S

Before this amendment after final, claims 3-10 and 12 were present in the case. The outstanding Office Action objected to claim 3 and rejected claims 4-10 and 12. After amendment claims 3-10 are present in the case. Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 have been canceled, and claims 3 and 4 have been amended.

A clean copy of claims 3-10 is attached to this Amendment.

Claim 3 Allowable

In the Office Action dated 6/4/04, claim 3 was allowed. In the outstanding Office Action, claim 3 [13] is stated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Applicant has rewritten claim 3 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 12 and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the allowance of claim 3 and requests that claim 3 be allowed to promptly issue.

Acceptance of the Drawings

The drawings were accepted as filed on September 13, 2004.

Applicant appreciates acceptance of the drawings.

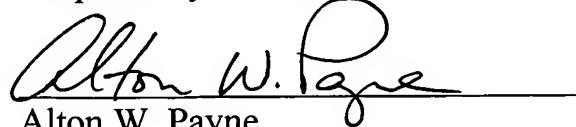
The Remaining References Made Of Record

Applicant has reviewed the additional reference made of record and does not believe the reference taken alone, or in combination with prior cited references, would inhibit the patentability of the invention of the present application.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application are allowable. It is believed that this case is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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1 3. A universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions and
2 demountable ceiling panels comprising

- 3 (a) at least one base having a first end and a second end, the
4 base having sufficient structure for removably engaging
5 only one of a demountable wall partition and a
6 demountable ceiling panel, and
7 (b) a plurality of arms extending from the base such that two
8 arms and the base define a channel for receiving one of
9 the demountable wall partition and the demountable
10 ceiling panel,

11 wherein the plurality of arms comprises

- 12 (1) a first arm extending from the first end of the base,
13 (2) a second arm extending from the second end of the
14 base,
15 (3) a third arm extending from the base closer to the
16 first arm than the second arm,
17 (4) a fourth arm extending from the base closer to the
18 second arm than the first arm and between the
19 third arm and the second arm, such that
20 (5) an exterior channel is defined by the first arm, the
21 third arm and the base therebetween,
22 (6) an interior channel is defined by the third arm, the
23 fourth arm and the base therebetween,
24 (7) an inner channel is defined by the fourth arm and
25 the second arm,

26 whereby the channels receive and removeably secure at least one of
27 the demountable wall partition and the demountable ceiling panel between
28 the channels such that the universal stud can be oriented to accept a
29 demountable wall partition, or, can be oriented to receive at least one of the
30 demountable wall partition and the demountable ceiling panel., and the
31 universal stud further comprising:

- 32 (a) a second base having a first end and a second end, the
33 base having sufficient structure for removably engaging
34 at least one of the demountable wall partition and the
35 demountable ceiling panel, with the second end of the
36 second base fixedly secured to the second end of the first
37 base at a predefined angle,
- 38 (b) a plurality of arms extending from the second base, the
39 plurality of arms comprising
- 40 (1) a first arm extending from the first end of the base,
41 (2) a second arm extending from the second end of the
42 base,
43 (3) a third arm extending from the base closer to the
44 first arm than the second arm,
45 (4) a fourth arm extending from the base closer to the
46 second arm than the first arm and between the
47 third arm and the second arm, such that
48 (5) an exterior channel is defined by the first arm, the
49 third arm and the base therebetween
50 (6) an interior channel is defined by the third arm, the
51 fourth arm and the base therebetween

1 4. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions and
2 demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 3 further comprising means
3 for removably securing the stud to the partition.

1 5. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions and
2 demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 4 wherein the means for
3 removably securing the stud to the partition adapted to be selected from the
4 group consisting of screws, nails, removable pins, adhesive, releasable
5 adhesive, caulk and straps.

1 6. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions and
2 demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 4 wherein one demountable
3 wall partition or demountable ceiling panel is used.

1 7. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions and
2 demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 4 wherein two demountable
3 wall partitions or demountable ceiling panels are used such that a space is
4 created therebetween.

1 8. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions and
2 demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 4 wherein three demountable
3 wall partitions or demountable ceiling panels are used such that a space is
4 created therebetween.

1 9. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions and
2 demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 7 wherein two demountable
3 wall partitions or demountable ceiling panels are used with additional
4 materials disposed in the space therebetween.

1 10. The universal stud for use with demountable wall partitions and
2 demountable ceiling panels as defined in claim 8 wherein three demountable
3 wall partitions or demountable ceiling panels are used with additional
4 materials disposed in the spaces therebetween.